

Bijlage 11: Engelstalige Samenvatting

the years 2014 to 2016. These actions include keeping the Kwaliteitsgids Utrechtse Landschappen (quality guide Utrecht landscapes) including set of guidelines up-to-date, having consultations with the municipality of De Ronde Venen about safeguarding in spatial development strategy, establishing the Spatial Agenda and creating the Cultural Agenda and stimulating good management by local owners of land, objects and forts and contributing towards the realization of the recreational infrastructure around Fort Abcoude.

Financing

The site holders assist the owners with the raising of funds and the setting up of financing schemes. In addition, the provincial authorities themselves provide subsidies. Funds are made available by the State (Visie Erfgoed en Ruimte) for a number of collaboration projects to which the State contributes in total € 383,750. The financial contribution of the site holders for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 consists of:

- contribution Noord-Holland: the provincial authorities contribute an amount of € 13.600,000 for the completion of current activities, subsidy schemes, co-financing of the restoration of two forts and other operations;
- contribution Utrecht: an amount of € 34,000 for the realization of the tourist access point Fort Abcoude;
- provision of provincial manpower as part of the operating expenses of the two provinces.

On behalf of the vice-governors of the Province of Noord-Holland, we would like to thank you for sending us the ICOMOS Advisory Mission Report on the Defence Line of Amsterdam, which we received on 9 November 2017.

We are grateful that you have put so much effort into composing this solid report. We intend to take your proposals into account as much as possible in our further planning procedures.

As ICOMOS believes that two of the proposed alternatives for the A8-A9 Link Road (the Heemskerk and Golf Course alternatives) will impact the OUV of the World Heritage property, we will now investigate possible new options. The State Advisor for the Environment has offered to assist us with exploring the options through an integrated landscape approach. Your recommendations with respect to the enhancement of landscape qualities will be part of that wider approach.

In that regard we have a few remaining questions about your Advisory Mission Report, and we hope that you can clarify these at your earliest convenience, but preferably by [Thursday 11 January 2018](#).

Exploring options

The Mission Report concludes that none of the alternatives is supportable as currently presented. It recommends undertaking further work to identify other options that might satisfy the three main parameters: protection of OUV, quality of life of residents, and mobility.

The Mission Report also states that it has reviewed the seven preliminary options and agrees with the previous selection process. This means that the earlier alternatives studied have been ruled out.

Earlier studies also considered entirely different solutions, for example situated north of the village of Krommenie. These alternatives would also impact the openness of the landscape and the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam and would not alleviate traffic congestion on the existing road network in the villages of Assendelft and Krommenie. They are not realistic alternatives, in other words.

1) Our conclusion is that you are advising us to explore design options of [the existing alternatives](#). Do you agree with this conclusion?

Depressed road

ICOMOS concludes in its report that the existing Golf Course and Heemskerk designs would have a negative impact on the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam and are therefore unacceptable. You recommend undertaking further work to identify other options that might satisfy the three main parameters: protection of OUV, improvement of quality of life of residents and improvement of mobility. Your advice stresses that the experience of openness of the landscape of the DLA must be emphasised and strengthened.

2) Our conclusion is that ICOMOS is seeking a solution for the A8-A9 link road in a [depressed road](#). Do you agree with this conclusion?

Connection to A9

From the point of view of traffic safety (sight lines) and design requirements (curve radius), it will, in all probability, not be possible to construct a depressed connection with on- and off-ramps to the A9, without impacting the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam. This was discussed with the ICOMOS expert during the advisory mission. A depressed connection will also be visible in close proximity to the A9 owing to the necessary connection to the A9 at ground level. In the Golf Course alternative the depressed connection will harm the Defence Line at Sint Aagtendijk. In this case the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam will in all probability be impacted, even though it will be less harmful than the current designs.

3) We would like to know whether [exploring this solution is acceptable](#) to ICOMOS, particularly if a probable minor degradation of the OUV caused by this solution is compensated by recovery measures to the quality and openness of the landscape in this section of the DLA.

We will also consider your suggestion to develop more detailed strategic approaches to the property as a whole and its wider setting, particularly in relation to infrastructure, with an amended version of the management plan for the DLA and with the nomination of a significant boundary modification. Your suggestion to examine the possibility of a buffer zone will be part of the significant boundary modification that will be brought forward in January 2019 at the latest.

We look forward to your response.

Wishing you already a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,
Cordialement // Kind regards // Met vriendelijke groet,

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Onderwerp: ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam

Dear [Redacted]

Please find attached the report of the ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ts3jvpla3eol3la/ICOMOS%20Advisory%20Mission%20report_Defence%20Line%20of%20Amsterdam%20Oct%202017.pdf?dl=0

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We remain at your disposal to respond eventual queries.

Best regards

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